THE BORDER STAR

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The last visible outline of the redoubts which were part of the trenches dug in 1862 to protect the citizens of Liberty from the Confederate Army moving up from Arkansas to capture Missouri will soon be history.

I met with officials from William Jewell College on Thursday, June 10th.

With Gaylen Goldsberry at my side, a compromise was worked out which saves the Class of '31 Trenches Monument (although it will be moved and possibly made smaller) and provides for a marker to detail what the reader is now standing on—what was once a Civil War fortification.

All that remains of over 2800 feet of the original trenchline, which included four redoubts, is a forty foot long section of the trenches which is barely recognizable.

A flagstone patio, to be used for receptions and the like, will soon cover what was the last identifiable redoubt (Artillery placement) and its nearby trench.

The Class of '31 Marker will be moved for the third time, but at least it will not be dismembered as the original plans specified.

I guess saving the monument is a victory of sorts, but a shallow one at best.

TRIVIA

Do you have some trivia you would like to stump the rest of us with?

Write it out...put it in an envelope..and give it to Ed Harris at the next meeting.

It has been my practice to give the answers to the trivia questions right after the break at the general meetings.

For those of you who have missed a meeting or two, here are some answers.

- 1. Birthday of last offspring of CW vet? October 16, 1943
- 2. Last officer to be commissioned in CW? Captain Alden G. Howell, April 15, 1865 Died 3/20/1947, age 106
- 3. Last CW Nurse to die?

 Conf Nurse Sarah F. Rockwell, 11-23-53

 at age 109
- 4. Number of states old Reb was last to die? 14, including Conn., Ind., Mont.
- 5. Date same number of veterans still living?
 May 1948, 67 from each side
- Previous months still being asked about...
 - General Lee's pet chicken was named Cluck-Cluck
 - Grant released the only slave he ever owned in 1859, thus had none at the beginning of the war.
 - Lee was not offered a command at the start of the war. he was offered a promotion.
 - The chief scout who spied on the rebels at Pea Ridge was James Butler Hickcock.

BITS & PIECES

IF YOU MISSED THE LAST MEETING YOU MISSED A GOOD ONE--even the weather co-operated.

We took time to tape a segment for Channel 9 and I dare say Kathleen Tuohey looked pretty good on the tube that nite.

A special thank you goes out to Kathleen, not only for being our hostess, but for the work she has done in restoring this almost lost piece of our heritage....not to mention the cookies!

Thanks also to Gaylen Goldsberry for taking the time to be at the meeting with the people from William Jewell and the contractor involved.

As it worked out the donor was in Europe and the college president was out of town so we were left to discuss matters with those who had to take our messages to others.

In any case I feel the effort was worth it and appreciate Gaylen's assistance.

Fred George reports he has a 1939 local tour guide which points out the Civil War Trenches at (you guessed it) William Jewell College and calls them a "must see" attaction.

I now have six G.A.R. Star pins purchased from the G.A.R. Memorial Assoc in Aurora, Ill. The money goes to help restore Civil War Monuments in Illinois. Cost was \$5.00. Also have three of the fancier G.A.R. Service Medal pin. Cost was \$6.50. Available thru G.A.R. Memorial Assoc, G.A.R. Bldg, Aurora, Illinois. I don't know Zip Code.

July, 1993

The Board Meeting on June 16th was indeed a fruitful meeting. Many items were on the agenda and all were dealt with accordingly.

At the close of the meeting there was much discussion about the situation involving the trenches and redoubt at William Jewell.

It was the groups feeling that since many of our Round Table had not even been aware of the site, much less seen it, we should visit the site while it is still visible.

Accordingly, I have arranged with WJC for our Round Table to tour area on July 1474.

We will meet at the Trails West Library for a very short business meeting and then car pool to the site, and I do mean short!

Those living close to the site who do not want to drive to Independence and then back to Liberty can meet the caravan at the corner of Hwy 33 and old Hwy 10, at the new stoplight at 7:45 or at the site.

Iced tea, cold pop and cookies will be at the site. The chapel will be open:

The program on Flags of the Civil War will be presented at the August meeting.

In case of rain or excessive heat we will stay AT the Trails West Library and have an open forum.

As always, guests and visitors are welcome.

SEE You AT the Trenches/Sonny



MATCH mmes & faces

- **A** Maj. Gen. Samuel R. Curtis (1805-1866)
- Maj. Gen. Sterling Price (1809-1867)
- Maj. Gen. James G. Blunt (1826-1881)
- Maj. Gen. John S. Marmaduke (1833-1887)
- Maj. Gen. James F. Fagan (1828-1893)
- Maj. Gen. Alfred S. Pleasonton (1824-1897)
- Frig. Gen. Joseph O. Shelby (1830-1897)
- Maj. Gen. William S. Rosecrans (1819-1898)



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UPCOMING CIVIL WAR RELATED EVENTS

- June 26-27 Brownville, Nebr. Reenactment and Living History.

 Tour restored Missouri River Dredge...Several prewar homes...Several antique shops...Camp overnite.
- July 3-4 Vicksburg, Mississippi 130th Anniversary of Surrender Raising of U.S. Flag over the Courthouse
 - 10-11 Lowell, Indiana Reenactment and Living History at Buckley Living History Farm, a restored 1840's Farmstead.
- -14 CWRTWMO Meeting...Tour trenches at William Jewell
 - 16-17 KCMO, Geneology Conference at Holiday Inn, Longview Rd and South 71 Hwy
 - 16-18 Honey Springs, Okla, 130th Anniversary Reenactment
 - 17 Winston, Mo...... Jesse James Days... Reenactment of Famous train robbery at actual site... Parade, street dance... Pig roast
 - 17-18 Fort Casper, Wyo. Reenactment and Living History at Restored fort near Mormon crossing on Platte River.
 - 24-26 KCMO Battlefield Protection Conference Sponsored by CWRTKC and National Park Service
 - 31Aug 1 Carthage, Mo. Reenactment of Battle of Carthage
 Parade..Fashion Show, evening dance
- Aug 7-8 Athens, Mo. Reenactment of Battle of Athens
- 11 CWRTWMO Meeting -- Flags of the Civil War
 - 13-15 Urich, Mo. Scripted Event... Refugees from Order #11
 - 21 Columbia, Mo. Living History Camp
 - 22 Iola, Kansas Medal of Honor Memorial Dedication Wm B Stacy, 1866 Peace Time Navy Medal, 1st such award.

A hearty Welcome To Our Newest Member

GLENDA SMALLWOOD



Those who have not yet received their Charter Member I.D. Cards may pick them up at the meeting or they will be mailed to you with Charter Member Certificates.

NEXT MEETING WED JULY 14th Tour CNIL WAR TRENCH

TOUR CNIL WAR TRENCH AND MASS GRAVE SITE AT WILLIAM JEWELL COllege

ASSEMBLE 7pm-TRAKS WEST LIBT.
11401 EAST 23, INDEPENDENCE, MO.